OLD ENGLAND:

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Naturæ ſequitur ſemina quiſque ſuæ. PROP.

I AM greatly in Arrear with my Correſpondents, who may probably believe I neglect their Letters, as ſome of them are of old Dates: However, I am under ſome Neceſſity of preferring a Letter juſt received, as a kind of Supplement to my laſt Paper.

To the AUTHOR, *&c.*

SIR,

A Public Spirit deſerves the Thanks and Praiſe of the Community, and you have done well in celebrating the noble Peer in your laſt, on the Sacrifice he is making for the Honour of his Country. As the erecting the little, pitiful Sheds in *Covent-Garden* for Receptacles of Cabbages and other ſtinking Greens, had it's Foundation in Avarice, ſo the demoliſhing and removing of theſe ſcandalous Nuſances, ſhew a Nobleneſs of Mind above the Taint of Gain in the *generous* Proprietor, which frees him from the ſordid Imputation of having any other Concern in erecting them than that of being a little too facil under the Importunity of Projectors, who, while they marked out the Benefit that would accrue to the Eſtate from an improved Rent of 10*s.* a Week for every little Shed, carefully concealed, as 'tis ſuppoſed, the odious Reverſe of the Scheme, ſo very inconvenient and detrimental in the Conſequence, not only to the Public, but to the *great Man* himſelf, and to his Tenants, the Inhabitants of the Place, in particular; who have been poiſoned by the Stench of putrify'd Greens out of their Houſes, while the good Landlord himſelf ſuffered not a little in his well-known and univerſally allowed Characteriſtic of GENEROSITY, which he now ſo nobly redeems at the Loſs of many a Tenement, *yielding and paying* Weekly and every Week the prompt Rent or Sum of 10*s.* each.

Such a generous Sacrifice for the public Good ought to be perpetuated, not by the *great Man* himſelf, but by the Public; I think therefore it would be much more decent, that the Expence of the *Quadrilateral Pillar*, mentioned in your laſt, ſhould be defray'd out of the Public Treaſury, rather than out of his own private Purſe, notwithſtanding it's Depth and large Dimenſions. But, Sir, you have omitted a particular Ornament which I hear is ſketched out by the Artiſt to grace the *Baſe* of that Pillar. At the North-Eaſt Angle, upon the Foundation-Stone of the *Baſe*, is to be erected a *Leaden* naked Figure of *John Trotplaid*, Eſq; in a crouchant Poſture, with his Knees jutting out forwards, and his Poſteriors turned upon the Church, projecting at about two Feet Diſtance over his Heels. His Face, which is to be of ſolid *Braſs*, inclining ſomewhat towards the Playhouſe, yet rais'd parallel to the Horizon, gazing with uplifted Hands in Admiration, as it were, on the exalted Statue upon the *Capital*. I can't give a better Idea of this excellent Piece, than by the familiar Example of a *Dutch Pugg* bearing upon his Hams erect, with his *dirty Muzzle* and Fore-Paws upraiſed, looking intenſe in his Maſter's Face after a Cruſt or a Morſel of Bread. The Nudities are to be decently ſhaded with the Foliage of a *Jacobite Journal*, inſcribed, *A Letter wrote by* HANDSOME FIELDING *to* JOHN TTOT-PTAID, *Eſq; in Praiſe of his own Humour.* An irregular Sprig of *wild Bay* is to riſe from the Pericranium, like a *Roman* Feather on a Tragedian's Head. The Palm of his Right Hand is to be inlaid with a Piece of Loadſtone of ſo ſtrong an Attraction, as to force out of the Treaſury *Two Pieces and an Half of Gold* Weekly.— Various other Decorations are intended, which, as ſoon as they come into my Knowledge, ſhall be communicated to you by, Sir,

Your humble Servant,

RUSSELI.

Tho' I am not very well pleaſed with the Freedom taken with me in the following Letter, yet as my *profeſs'd Impartiality* is urged againſt me, I ſhall not reject it; more eſpecially, as I can, with an unwounded Conſcience, anſwer the Particulars demanded.

SIR,

I WILL not deny, that a public Paper is of public Utility, as it keeps our Superiors, if they have any Regard for Character, under ſome Regulation, and in Awe of tranſgreſſing the Rules of the Community too boldly: But then you muſt allow, that moſt of you Gentlemen, who take up the Pen on the Side of Liberty, preſume a little too far, and become ſerious upon your own Surmiſes; that is, you form the Caſe according to your own Liking, or ſuitable to the Purpoſe of your Deſign, and then argue from it. This is far from being fair, as Things ought not to be taken for granted too haſtily. 'Tis a common Thing to accuſe great Men of temporizing, as ſoon as they become employed by the Government, and to charge them with having always entertained indirect Views, merely to diſtreſs the Court to take Notice of them, by way of Place and Penſion. Suppoſe even I ſhould allow this in part, as there are ſome ſo degenerate as to be actuated with no other Principle than that of Self-Intereſt, ſurely you *public Writers* can't imagine, that you ſtand clear of the very ſame Charge! Who is there among you that can withſtand the Temptation of *Poſt* or *Penſion?* Are there not Charms ſufficient in theſe Words to lure the Pen out of your Hands; nay, to turn it againſt the very Meaſures you ſo warmly eſpouſe, and ſanctify even thoſe you decry? Your Patriotiſm is not ſo very diſintereſted as you would fain make us believe: If your Betters lead the Way, you have ſeldom Virtue enough to ſtay behind. We have ſeen Inſtances of this kind occur very frequently in theſe our own Days. The Patriot Poſt hath been deſerted and the Patron followed into the Enemy's Camp, with all your Virtue pinned upon his Sleeve; from whence ſome of you have made no Scruple to fire upon the very Lines you had before defended, and overturn the Banners of Liberty in the Cauſe of Corruption. In ſhort, there are very few of you that have not been on both Sides of the Queſtion; and to be ingenuous with you, Mr. *Inſpector-General of Great-Britain*, you are ſuſpected to have carried your Inſpection into more Points than one; and tho' you may have more Eyes, yet you have not had more Virtue than thoſe you have ſo freely traduced with the Want of it.

I remember you open'd your new Commiſſion of *Inſpector-General* with great Profeſſions of Impartiality, with reſpect to Parties, as if you reſolved to give a fair Hearing to all Sides; Now, Sir, I ſhall take the Liberty to try you upon that nice Point with the few following Queries, which, if not too hard for your Digeſtion, will give you an Opportunity to purge yourſelf of the Imputation you have been long under, in the Opinion of many People.

"Here I muſt break in on my Correſpondent, and obſerve, that as he ſeems to imagine there is no more than one Hand concerned in *Old England*, I ſhall conſider him as ſtriking at myſelf only; and for the Sake of Method and the Convenience of the Reader, I ſhall underwrite my Anſwer immediately under each Quere, ſo as both may fall directly under the Eye."

Qu. I. Whether you are not one of thoſe Gentlemen who wrote the *Gazetteers* in Defence of Sir *R. W.*'s Adminiſtration?

Anſ. I am not; nor had I ever any Concern in that courtly Paper, or knew any of the Parties who diſtinguiſh'd themſelves in it, in Honour of that *ever-memorably virtuous* Adminiſtration.

II. Whether you did not afterwards, on the Death of Mr. *Amherſt*, change Sides, and write the *Craftſman* againſt the Meaſures you before defended?

Anſ. No: But I ſhould think it no Manner of Diſparagement to my Reputation as a Writer, if I could admit of having wrote the *Craftſman*.

III. Whether you was not a Party with the preſent Writer of the *Jacobite Journal*, in the Paper call'd the *Champion*, and wrote ſeveral of them againſt the ſame Adminiſtration?

Anſ. This I alſo anſwer in the Negative, and think myſelf not very highly complimented in the Imputation: However, I might have diſliked that Adminiſtration, I could never approve of *Capt.* VINEGAR's *Bear-Garden* Performances in Politics, with whom I had never the *Honour* of any Acquaintance, nor ever ſaw him, and, were it not for Mr. *Foote*, I ſhould have been at a Loſs to form a proper Idea of that great Penman.

VI. Whether you was not likewiſe a Party in the ſetting up and writing of the *Conſtitutional Journal*, under the *Coalition* Patriots?

Anſ. The Queriſt makes me now ſome Amends for ſinking me ſo low in the preceding Quere; for as to the Diction and Manner of this Journal, they could not, generally ſpeaking, be well cenſur'd; tho' the Author has convinced us, that an *often-repeated Reſolution of Self-Denial* is not always Proof againſt *Temptation:* But as I have had no Concern in that Journal, I have no Honour to claim, nor *Weakneſs* to be aſhamed of, from thence.

V. Is it not very inconſiſtent and ungenerous in you to traduce your Superiors in your Papers, for changing Sides, as you call it, when you have done the like yourſelf, and ſo often?

Anſ. If my Queriſt had been over-ſure of catching me in his Trap, he would not have put this Quere to me. Having never acted inconſiſtent with what I appear to be in *Old England*, or changed Sides, Parties, or way of Thinking; and therefore don't think it in the leaſt ungenerous to deſcribe the *Coalition*

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in the Light I have, as they have appeared to me in no other.

VI. Whether, with all your boaſted Attachment to the Caule of Liberty, you would not be glad to reſign your Pen, like a Prude her Virtue, upon Terms?

Anſ. Yes, readily, upon the ſingle Term of the *Coalition's* either reſigning their Power and Poſts, to give way to their betters, or altering their Meaſures for the Good of their Country.

I muſt obſerve to this Correſpondent, that I think his Queries are not very fair; and that he has abus'd my Profeſſions of Impartiality in the Licentiouſneſs of them; for it can't be ſuppos'd, I meant to ſtand the Queſtioning of every *Impertinent*, a 'tis written that *Fools* can aſk more Queſtions than a *wiſe Man* can anſwer; and, as no Man is by our Laws obliged to accuſe himſelf, I might have demurred, as the Lawyers call it, to moſt of his Queries: But I was willing to be candid, and, by gratifying his Curioſity, diſculpate myſelf.

LONDON.

An Order is ſent to all his Majeſty's Yards in the Kingdom to prevent the diſcharging of Shipwrights, Smiths, and Carpenters.

We hear that the Specie brought over in the Plymouth Men of War for the Merchants, amounts to above 700000 l. her Paſſage was made in ſeven Weeks but would have been ſooner, if ſhe had not gone to find Sir Peter Warren's Squadron to eſcort her; ſhe got through the Windward Paſſage in ſeven Days: In going ſhe haled a French Ship, which immediately came to, to their Surprize, and ſhewed the Proclamation: then all Speed was made home.

Dr. Ratcliff's new Library at Oxford is now entirely finiſhed, and cleaned after the Workmen. It is a moſt ſuperb and beautiful Pile. It's expected they'll begin to put up the Books immediately, which are all ready, and the Stalls prepared to receive them.

The Commiſſioners for Building Weſtminſter-Bridge has appointed Mr. Edwin, an eminent Carpenter and Builder to finiſh and compleat the two diſlocated Arches, who by Agreement, is to make it paſſible by Lady next. And 100 additional Hands are employed for expediting the Work.

Thurſday 7-Night died at Wincheſter in Hampſhire, Mr John Beveridge, aged 78, poſſeſſed of a plentiful Eſtate, and nearly related to that great ornament of Religion, the pious Biſhop Beveridge.

Monday they began to pay the Gentlemen and Servants belonging to their Royal Highneſſes the Prince and Princeſs of Wales, to the 24th of June laſt, their Salaries and Wages, at the Treaſurers Office in Scotland Yard.

On Tueſday laſt was tried before the Right Hon. the Lord Chief Juſtice Lee, at Weſtminſter, before a Special Jury, a very remarkable Information granted by that Court againſt one Henry Williams, belonging to one of his Majeſty's Ships and Thomas Jenkins, a Subaltern Officer in the Artillery, for a Conſpiracy to force away a young Lady of Fortune in Twiſtock ſtreet, againſt her Conſent, and to compel her to marry the ſaid Williams, entering into the Houſe where the young Lady lived, with a large Mob hired for that Purpoſe, and endeavouring to get Poſſeſſion of her and her Fortune, under Pretence of her being the Wife of the ſaid Henry Williams: When after a Trial of ſeven Hours, the Jury found both the Defendants Guilty. A Fleet Parſon, who was produced to prove the pretended Marriage, having moſt groſſly prevaricated in his teſtimony, was at the Requeſt of the Jury, committed by the Chief Juſtice to the Marſhalſea-Priſon; and we hear that a Proſecution will ſoon be commenced againſt him for wilful and corrupt Perjury.

On Monday Night came on before the Lords of the Privy council the Hearing between the Owners of the Duke and Prince Frederick Privateers and the Seamen on board the ſaid Ships, about ſome Claims on the Duke de Antin Prize, taken by them ſome Time ſince; and the further Hearing is adjourned till Monday next.

On Thurſday laſt a Cauſe came on to be tried before the Lord Chief Baron of his Majeſty Court of Exchequer at Weſtminſter by a Special Jury, upon an Information exhibited in that Court by his Majeſty's Attorney General againſt a certain Merchant, charged with being the Exporter of forty eight Hogſheads of Tobacco, entered at Liverpool in his Name for Campvere in Zealand, and afterwards re- the Iſle of Man, by Means whereof he was liable, not only to the Penalty of treble the Value of the ſaid Tobacco, but alſo to the forfeiture of the Debenture, which is the Amount of all the Duties paid upon the Importation thereof; and it being proved that the Defendant was the Exporter of the Goods, which entituled him only to receive the Drawback, and that they were relanded in the Iſle of Man, and the Court being of Opinion that the Act of Parliament did not require any Proof on the Behalf of the Crown of the Defendant's Privity as to the Fraud of re-landing, the Jury brought in a Verdict againſt the Defendant for treble Value of the ſaid Tobacco.

To all Placemen, Penſioners, Officers of the Exciſe, Poſtmaſters, Window-Peepers, &c. &c. &c.

GENTLEMEN,

THERE are two Races advertiſed for *Litchfield*; the one in Auguſt, the other in September. To prevent Miſtakes, 'tis proper to addreſs you with the Following Caution: — The Former will probably be crouded with Country 'Squires, Freeholders, Yeomen, Mechanics, and ſuch like; and as they are your Slaves, and by the Sweat of their Brows ye are enabled to live like Gentlemen, 'tis accounted beneath your Dignity to mix with this Herd. — Your *New Patron* exhibits himſelf at the September Races, when your Preſence is ſpecially required to grace and ſupport him.

N. B. If any Officer, Military or Eccleſiaſtical, wants an Advance, let him attend, and his Fortune is made.

A Well-wiſher to New Taxes.

We hear that ſoon the late Earl of Cromertie and his Lady will ſet out for Devonſhire, the Place appointed for his retirement; and the Money is advanced for his Journey.

On Saturday laſt came on before the Right Worſhipful Dr. Simpſon, Chancellor of London, a Cauſe between Godfrey Copley, of Sprotbrough, in the County of York, Eſq; and Anna Maria his Wife, for a Divorce, by reaſon of Adultery; when after hearing the Proceſs read, and Counſel on both Sides, the Judge gave Sentence in favour of the ſaid Godfrey Copley, Eſq;

On Friday 7-Night at the Seſſions holden for the City and Liberty of Weſtminſter, one Margaret Pearce received Sentence upon an Indictment found againſt her for making an aſſault upon John Poulſon, Eſq; one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid City and Liberty, in the Execution of his Office, at his Houſe in Bow-Street Covent-Garden, by throwing two large lighted Candles, and alſo a large Pewter Ink ſtand at him, which had liked to have killed him; for which Offence ſhe was fined 3s. 4d. and to ſuffer twelve Months Impriſonment in the Gatehouſe.

Tueſday an Order was ſent to the Nore for the holding of a Court Martial for the Trial of Mr. Trymowell, being charged with the Murder of Capt. Gregore, Commander of the Falkſtone Man of War, on the 23d. of May laſt, in the River Scheld.

A magnificent Silver Punch Bowl, which weighed 250 Ounces has been finiſhed ſome Time and was on Tueſday ſent to Briſtol. The following Inſcription is engraved on it, under the Arms of the City of London, viz "The Gift of the Merchants and Inſurers of the City of London, to Captain JAMES SIEX, for his Gallant Behaviour, in taking three Privateers from the Enemy."

Laſt Week two Men, who pretended they belonged to the Foundery at Woolwich, were detected in puting off bad Guineas, and ſent to Maidſtone Jail. They put off ſix, but were diſcovered on attempting the ſeventh.

Monday William Collins and Fargus Cran, were committed to Newgate by Juſtice Poulſon, on the Oath of John Hodgſon, for being concerned with one Richard Froſt, in aſſaulting him on the Highway, putting him in bodily Fear, and ſtripping him of his Wearing Apparel.

This Day ſe'nnight, in the Evening, Mr. Du Guard, who keeps the King's Head at Winchmore-Hill, was ſtopped near the Firſt Bell at Edmonton by three Foot-Pads; one of whom offering to lay hold of the Bridle, he knock'd him down, on which the other two fired at him, and the Shot of one went thro his Arm and the other grazed his Belly; but as their Pieces were loaded with Shot only, it is imagined the Wounds will not prove Mortal. The Rogues fled without robbing him; and ſome Paſſengers coming by, he was carried to the Bell, where Mr. Wilſon, a Surgeon of that Town, dreſſed his Wounds. This is the third or fourth Robbery committed near that Place within a Week paſt.

The ſame Evening Mr. Hayter, a Brewer in Southwark, was attacked by two Highwaymen at Edmonton, who robbed him of a Gold Watch, and a Purſe with about 20 l. in Money.

On Sunday laſt, one John Williams, a Lad was committed to Kingſton Jail, for robbing a Gentleman in a Chaiſes, on Wimbleton Common on the ſame Day.

And Monday one Rigal, one of his Accomplices, was taken out of the Infirmary in St. James-ſtreet, Weſtminſter, and committed to the Gatehouſe, by Richard Manby, Eſq; for being concerned with him ſome Time ſince, in robbing Dr. Rowe, of a Gold Watch, &c.

On Tueſday Evening a Gentleman and his Wife in a Chaiſe were robbed near the Three Mile Stone by three Fellows, between Newington and Stamford-Hill; and the ſame Night two Gentlemen on Horſeback were likewiſe robbed near the Men that hung in Chains, ſuppoſed by the Gang.

By Letters from Shropſhire and Staffordſhire we have Accounts of prodigious Havack made by Locuſts in thoſe Parts: They have devoured moſt of the Bloſſoms of the Apple and Crab Trees; ſo that they expect but a very ſmall Quantity of Cyder: What is moſt extraordinary, is, that the Oak Trees have ſuffered more than any other; many of them having no more Leaves left on them than at Chriſtmas: But the Rooks have lately took a Liking to them, and every Day devour a Prodigious Number. On the other Hand the Diſtemper which had viſited their Cattle is entirely ceaſed; And Letters from all Parts of the Kindom agree, that there never was a Proſpect of a better Harveſt of both Hay and Corn; and that Hay in moſt Places ſells for leſs than 1s. a hundred Weight.

Monday a Fire broke out in Twiſoot-Alley in the Broad-Way, Weſtminſter; which burnt one Houſe, and did conſiderable Damage to the others adjoining, before it was extinguiſhed.

Tueſday a Boy about ſeven Years of Age was found hanging in a Garden belonging to Mr. Hill at Deptford; but who he belonged to was not known; tho', by many Circumſtances, a Murder is ſuſpected, and diligent Enquiry is made after the Authors.

Laſt Tueſday Evening a Boat run againſt the Head of a young Man, who was waſhing himſelf in the River near Rotherhith, which ſtunned him ſo, that he ſunk down, and was not ſeen to riſe any more.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Northampton, June 27. On Saturday the 12th Inſtant, two Officers of General Howards (late General Wade's) Regiment of Dragoons quatered at Leiceſter, having an Encounter, one of them was unhappily killed on the Spot.

Reading, July 2. On Tueſday Morning, about One, the Houſe of the Rev. Mr. Skelton, Schoolmaſter in Odiham, happened to take Fire, (by what Means unknown) but was happily extinguiſhed without doing much Damage. And,

On Wedneſday between twelve and one, a Houſe was ſet on Fire by Lightning in Silcheſter in Hants, which entirely conſumed the ſame.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, June 28. Thurſday laſt was brought up from on board a Ship at Leith, and laſt from London, an Egyptian Mummy, ſent as a Preſent to the Advocate's Library here by the Right Hon. the Earl of Morton. As the Ancients embalmed the dead Bodies of their Kings and great Perſons, 'tis ſaid to be ſome of theſe, and to be between two and three thouſands Years old; it is depoſited in a Coffin ſaid to be of Sycamour Wood, wrapped in a Linnen Cloth, dipped in a compoſition prepared to preſerve the Body from corrupting, and adorned with ſeveral Hieroglyphicks gilt in Gold.

They write from Aberdeen, that the Wood of Glentanner is not yet extinguiſhed, notwithſtanding ſome Hundreds of People are cutting and clearing the Way in order to ſtop it. It is reckoned that there are three Miles of it conſumed, and incredible Damage done to the young Trees, The two Fellows that ſet it on Fire are fled.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

GERMANY.

Warſaw, June 21. O. S. Count de la Salle is very cloſely guarded, to prevent his eſcaping a ſecond Time, but nothing is yet reſolved on with regard to the Extradition of this Gentleman.

The little Town of Mohilow, which ir a Mart between Lithuania aud the Ukrain, is entirely conſumed to Aſhes by a Fire which broke out there the 3 d. All Endeavours were uſed to extinguiſh it, but in vain. The 1ſt. the Fire broke out at Wilna, Capital of Lithuania, which conſumed the greateſt Part of the Town, with ſeveral Churches, Convents, Palaces, &c. This Accident happened at the great Houſe where all Sorts of Spirituous Liquors are ſold, of which the Jews have the Farm.

BANKRUPTS.

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